

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 573

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to designate the week of May 1-7, 2023, as
"Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in
Tennessee.

WHEREAS, many people with serious mental health conditions, such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or gastrointestinal disorders, including gastroparesis, nausea, and vomiting, may be treated with medications that work as dopamine receptor blocking agents (DRBAs), including antipsychotics; and

WHEREAS, while ongoing treatment with these medications can be necessary, prolonged use can also lead to tardive dyskinesia (TD), an involuntary movement disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable, abnormal, and repetitive movements of the face, torso, and/or other body parts; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TD affects approximately 600,000 people in the U.S., and approximately seventy percent of people with TD have not been diagnosed, making it important to raise awareness about the symptoms and impact of TD because even mild symptoms of TD can have physical, social, and emotional consequences; and

WHEREAS, it is important that people taking DRBA medication be monitored for TD. Regular screening for TD in these patients is recommended by the American Psychiatric Association; and

WHEREAS, clinical research has led to the availability of two treatments for adults with TD by the United States Food and Drug Administration; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee can help raise awareness of tardive dyskinesia;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate the week of May 1-7, 2023, as
"Tardive Dyskinesia Awareness Week" in Tennessee and encourage every individual to
become better informed about and aware of tardive dyskinesia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.